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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION
FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES
SUBJECT: GENERAL H. C. HOLDRIDGE
IMPERSONATION

DATE: October 20, 1951

On October 9, 1951, a complaint was received by the Los Angeles Office to the effect that General H. C. HOLDRIDGE was posing as a retired brigadier general, U. S. Army, and was a candidate for the office of president of the United States, affiliated with the Holdridge for President Committee.

Los Angeles Office indices reflect numerous references to this individual as a presidential candidate, affiliated with the Holdridge for President Committee. General HOLDRIDGE, in a pamphlet, states that he is a graduate of West Point and established the Adjutant General's School of Administration during World War II.

It is requested that the Army Service Record, Retired Army Personnel, Washington, D. C., be reviewed to ascertain if subject is bona fide retired army officer.

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The files of the Department of the Army reflect that one Brigadier General Herbert C. Holdridge, O-5263, was retired on February 29, 1944, as the result of the findings of an Army Retirement Board, convened at Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D. C., to the effect that he was "permanently incapacitated for active service (or limited service) the cause being psychoneurosis reactive depression (situational) mild; the cause of said incapacity is an incident of service that originated on or about 10 July 1943."

Holdridge's service record shows that he was born on March 6, 1892, at Wyandotte, Michigan. He was appointed as a Cadet at the United States Military Academy at West Point on June 14, 1913, and was graduated and appointed 2nd Lieutenant of Cavalry on April 20, 1917. The following promotions are shown:

1st Lieutenant, May 17, 1917.
Captain, (temporary) August 5, 1917.
Captain, April 13, 1920.
Major, October 1, 1932.
Lieutenant Colonel, July 1, 1940.
Colonel, Army of the United States, December 11, 1941.
Brigadier General, Army of the United States, December 2, 1942.

Holdridge's record indicates that he acted as commandant of the Adjutant General's School, at Fort Washington, Maryland, from the time of its origin in June, 1941, until relieved of his command on July 10, 1943, following an inspection by superior officers. A report of this inspection indicates that Holdridge's removal was based on temperamental unsuitability, permitting duplication and overlapping of school functions, and failure to comply with instructions from higher authority to reduce the number of school personnel.

The latest address shown for Holdridge as of July 18, 1951, was 18937 Snowden Avenue, Detroit 35, Michigan.

A search of the name indices of the Identification Division resulted in locating a United States Army fingerprint card for Herbert Charles Holdridge, O-5263. These finger impressions were taken at Washington, D. C., on August 23, 1939.

Your attention is directed to previous communications concerning Herbert C. Holdridge, which were forwarded to your office under bureau file number 62-80757.

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